

# ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

To provide a solid-state imaging device driving method, a solid-state imaging device and a camera in which the solid-state imaging device is able to operate at a high speed without a change of an angle of view and without a mixture of colors in a color solid-state imaging device by reducing an amount of data in the horizontal direction to 1/2. In a solid-state imaging device (1) of a two-dimensional arrangement having a pixel comprising a light-receiving accumulation unit (2), a vertical register (4) or a vertical register (4) having a light-receiving function and a horizontal register (6), signal electric charges of pixels distant from each other on one row are transferred to the horizontal register (6), these signal electric charges are mixed within the horizontal register (6), and the mixed signal electric charge is transferred in the horizontal direction. Further, in the color solid-state imaging device (1), signal electric charges of pixels of the same color distant from each other in the one row are transferred to the horizontal register (6), these signal electric charges are mixed within the horizontal register (6), and the mixed signal electric charge is transferred in the horizontal direction. Also, a transfer gate unit (4A) is disposed between the vertical register (4) and the horizontal register (6). In this transfer gate unit (4A), there is arranged a solid-state imaging element in which transfer electrodes (15A, 15B) of first phase and second phase are alternately disposed at every predetermined column of the vertical register (4). Then, there is arranged a camera having a switching mode for switching a mode in which signal electric charges of pixels

distant from each other in the one row are transferred to the horizontal register (6), the signal electric charges are mixed within the horizontal register (6) and the mixed signal electric charge is transferred in the horizontal direction and a normal imaging mode.